



**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R.
§1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 1634**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:	Simon Foote, et al.	Examiner:	A. Chakrabarti
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For:	NUCLEIC ACID DIAGNOSTICS BASED ON MASS SPECTROMETRY OR MASS SEPARATION AND BASE SPECIFIC CLEAVAGE		
		Dated:	December 24, 2003

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Sir:

In response to the Final Action dated September 29, 2003 and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.116, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendment in the above-identified case.

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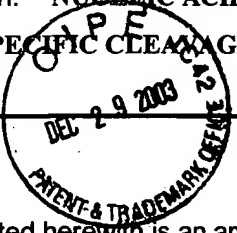

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Invention: **NUCLEIC ACID DIAGNOSTICS BASED ON MASS SPECTROMETRY OR MASS SEPARATION AND BASE SPECIFIC CLEAVAGE**



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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ Small Entity status of this application has been established under 37 CFR 1.27 by a verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish Small Entity status under 37 FR 1.27 is enclosed.

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